

# Sonning Common Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held in the Village Hall, Sonning Common, on Monday 15 July 2019 at 1900 hrs.

Present: Mr Rawlins (chairman), Mrs Lewis, Mr Kedge, Mr Scott-Giles, Mr Coombs, Mrs Diwell and Mrs Varnes (Deputy Parish Clerk).

P20/046 Apologies for absence: Mr Fort, Mr Stoves.

P20/047 Declarations of interest: none.

P20/048 Public consultation time: none present.

P20/049 New applications:

049.01/P19/S0010/FUL. The demolition of the existing dwelling and its proposed replacement with two pairs of two-storey, semi-detached dwellings (as amended by drawings received on 26 June 2019) at 24 Woodlands Road RG4 9TE.

After discussion members resolved to recommend the application for refusal (see letter attached). (Mr Coombs and Mrs Diwell did not vote since they arrived part way through the discussion).

049.02/P19/S1925/FUL. The proposed construction of a detached dwelling with access, parking and amenity space at 1 Kennylands Road RG4 9JR.

After discussion members resolved that they had no objections to the proposed scheme and recommended to SODC that the hedgerows be retained.

049.03/P19/S2055/FUL. The proposed demolition of the existing dwelling, annex and outbuilding and the construction of two, two-bedroom dwellings plus a new access road off Hazel Gardens (alternative scheme to P18/S1774/FUL) at 2A Woodlands Road RG4 9TE.

After discussion members resolved that they had no objections to the proposed scheme.

P20/050 Application granted:

P19/S1210/HH. Single-storey extensions and extensions to the habitable roof space at 112 Kennylands Road RG4 9JX. Noted.

P20/051 To receive updates on:

051.01. The Parish Council's response to the public exhibition by Inspired Villages in Sonning Common Village Hall on Friday 12 and Saturday 13 July 2019.

The deputy clerk reported that the Parish Council had encouraged residents to attend the Inspired Villages public consultation event via its social media channels. She confirmed that she had written to the Inspired Villages' land manager explaining the neighbourhood planning process locally and that Cllr Fort had written to the Henley Standard about the event.

051.02. The planning enforcement investigation into the fence at 50 Wood Lane.

The deputy clerk reported that the case had not yet been allocated to an SODC planning enforcement officer due to staffing issues.

051.03. The Memorial Hall Field project to create new sport and recreation facilities off Reades Lane.

Mr Rawlins confirmed that the planning application for groundworks on Memorial Hall Field was close to completion.

051.04. The implementation of landscaping planning conditions at Lea Meadow.

The deputy clerk reported that no further update had been received since the last meeting.

P20/052 Matters for future agendas.

Proposed street names for the new SON 5 development off the Kennylands Road.

The meeting closed at 1945.

Date of next meeting: Monday 05 August 2019 at 1915.

Chairman: .....

Dated: .....

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Ms Victoria Clarke  
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17 July 2019

Dear Ms Clarke

**Re: P19/Soo10/FUL. The demolition of the existing detached dwelling and its replacement with one new detached dwelling and a pair of semi-detached dwellings at 24 Woodlands Road RG4 9TE.**

Sonning Common Parish Council's Planning Committee discussed the above application at its meeting of Monday 15 July 2019. Members resolved to vigorously object to the application.

They considered the application - involving the demolition of one dwelling and its replacement with three - to be over-development, contrary to the Sonning Common Neighbourhood Development Plan's infill and housing policies and detrimental to the street scene.

Members noted that although the number of proposed properties had been reduced by one under the amended application the number of bedrooms remained the same. Under SODC's current policy of 25 dwellings per net developable hectare a proposed development with a total of 9 bedrooms would be in keeping; this proposal for a 12-bedroom development was considered to be excessive.

Members further objected to the inadequate parking provision proposed for multiple-bedroom dwellings and the attendant road safety issues this would cause.

Members are extremely concerned about this proposal and recommend to SODC that it be rejected. Please keep the Parish Council informed of all developments in relation to this proposal, particularly if you are considering approving the plan. In this case we ask that the application is referred to SODC's Planning Committee for a decision.

Yours sincerely



Ros Varnes  
Deputy Clerk, Sonning Common Parish Council